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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 and 11-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Staples (5,889,845) in view of Zwick (5,185,786).

As stated in MPEP § 2143.01, to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).

As set forth above and incorporated herein above, Staples and Zwick fail to disclose at least the following limitations of the independent claims (all having similar language):

an indexer coupled to said detector, said indexer for forming an index by indexing together values representative of selection made by the user of the selected one of the first and at least second locations together with calling indicia used to route the call to the selected one of the first location and the at least the second location.

The Examiner rejected these limitations based on Staples col. 2, line 55 through col. 3, line 10 which states:

Once the remote user is connected, the virtual presence server instructs the corporate PBX to automatically forward the remote user's office calls to the remote user at the remote location. The virtual presence server preferably performs a remote access call forwarding operation to direct calls that are made to the remote user's office telephone number to be forwarded to the virtual presence server. The virtual presence server then routes these forwarded telephone calls to the user telephony communication device being used by the remote user. Thus, external parties which call the user at the office are automatically routed to the remote user by the virtual presence server.

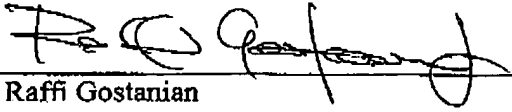
There is no portion of this passage and no portion of Staples or Zwick that teach or suggest all of the limitations above (highlighted for emphasis).

As such, Applicant believes that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment and response places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned.

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